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"As might be expected, the family life of the Yami is also largely communal. When a youth wishes to court a girl, he approaches her and winks: if she winks back, generally speaking, all is well. Before being [sic] accepted him as a regular 'follower', the pair must have winked at one another several times after which the youth is allowed to speak to the girl and pinch her. The latter seems to be the acid test. If she pinches him back or slaps the youth's face it means that all is over between them. If, on the other hand, she has decided to accept him, she answers with a smile and they go together to a deserted hut or secluded spot where they stretch a mat on the ground and sit down on it facing each other. The youth then lays his hand on her breast and they tell each other ancient tales of love interspersed with poems which he usually improvises, to which she must reply with poems of her own. At a further stage they rub noses and embrace. In this way they spend many nights together without any more intimate intercourse. When the cock crows they separate, each returning to his own house. This preliminary stage of the courtship, which may even last several months, is called 'remembering.' During all this time the male is required to play a passive role. Indeed if he were to attempt the slightest liberty he would be at once repulsed. When the girl has finally decided to accept him as a husband, she unties his 'G-string.' "